II. REMARKS

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks. Generally, it is believed that the amendment adds no new matter.

In the Office Action the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement contending that there are 3 species.

In response, Applicant has added a linking claim and elects Species II with traverse.. Reconsideration is respectfully requested, with due consideration being taken to the restriction being applied to dependent claims.

The restriction requirement is improper. The Examiner has provided no reason for the contention of distinctness. Mere contention does not make it so.

The restriction requirement is improper. The Examiner has provided no reason for grouping Claim 1 in Species 1. Claim 1 is a claim drawn to a genus and serves as a linking claim. In addition, Claim 1 must be considered in the elected Species.

The restriction requirement is improper. A reasonable number of species may be included in an application, pursuant to the MPEP, and the Examiner has not shown that any restricted species in the dependent claims constitutes an unreasonable number.

Claim 1 is a linking claim and new claim 49 is a linking claim that spans all 3 species, but as to the traverse, can be grouped into Species II.

The restriction requirement is believed to be improper for the reasons stated above, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The application, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235, and

if any extension of time is needed to reply to said office action, this shall be deemed a petition therefor.

If the prosecution of this case can be in any way advanced by a telephone discussion, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (312) 240-0824.

Respectfully submitted,



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